



MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, March 18, 2021

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

MAYOR Hillary Deneron
DEPUTY MAYOR Cathy Kotchea
COUNCILORS Kathie Hardisty
Eva Hope
Colin Woehl

ABSENT

COUNCILOR Julia Capot Blanc [with notice]

STAFF Senior Administrative Officer John W. McKee

DELEGATION Matthew Lovoie – Forest Officer – ENR – Fort Simpson
Marti Lys – Manager Forests – ENR – Fort Simpson

The Chairperson (Mayor) took the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council reviewed the meeting agenda without changes. Noted that the RCMP February report did not g included in councilor packages.

MOTION 2021-24

That the agenda for the meeting of March 18, 2021 be approved as presented.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interests were declared.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council reviewed the minutes for the previous meeting and error is spelling of "Kathe" and "Cathy" noted and corrected.

MOTION 2021-25

That the minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2021 be approved with correction of noted spelling errors.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

DELEGATION

Matthew Lovoie – Forest Officer Marti Lys – Manager Forests

Made a presentation - Why fires are necessary – What needs to be protected -Fire as a management tool – Forest fire management policy.

Fort Liard Community Wildfire Protection Plan

-developed to provide risk mitigation strategies – updated 2018 – planning involves RWED and community – area 2km around community – hazard risk undertaken-vegetation options discussed – looked at public education options and need to provide an understanding for all residents – Federal funding available for some Fire Smart initiatives – noted that wet summer last year reduced risk – controlled burns done in Fort Providence – start small get experience – start with just grass – burn in and around Hay Lake to promote growth – provide areas for Bison – requires extensive planning – will be put out to tender – requires support and approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Reponses received from MLA Visit.

Unit at Two Mile for COVID Isolation – explanation
Individual Testing COVID Positive - explanation
COVID Gift Cards for Alcohol – Minister will review and respond.

CMR Consulting – Request for further information re ADJ Governance Initiative – no further action will be taken – information available to public already provided.

By-Election – election date is May 3, 2021.

FINANCIAL

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

As requested during the February 25, 2021 council meeting the SAO presented a written report on the Hamlet Finance Department. The report outlined the duties of council, management, and staff. A complete review of duties was carried out in December 2021 and a Finance Manual prepared. The report highlighted the requirements for an annual audit and responsibilities of the Administration.

An analysis of the audited financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2020 was received in December 2020 and presented to council. The SAO reviewed and

identified solutions to noncompliance issues. The 2020/21 audit is scheduled for May 2021.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The SAO presented a Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2021. Each account on the balance sheet was reviewed. Schedules and charts for revenue and expenditures were explained. The Emergency Situation Fund has a balance of \$116,443 with a receivable of \$66,753 from MCA for COVID expenditures. Any surpluses on March 31, 2021 will be transferred to the Stabilization Fund. The Water/Sewage Fund still has a large surplus of over one million dollars. Noted that the economic rate was reduced to \$.02 in September 2021. The Waste disposal fund has a deficit of \$46,5 k dollars which will be covered by operational funding. All capital projects for the year are complete. Noted that the CIP fund is still not compliant as some funds are invested in GIC's. This will be rectified by March 31, 2020. Statements of the Capital Maintenance Funds, Investments, and Tangible Capital Assets were reviewed.

MOTION 2021-26

That the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

WAGE SCALE

A Wage Scale for 2021/22 with a one percent Cost of Living increase was presented for review. This is equal to the increase in Yellowknife for 2021. The Northern Allowance remains the same. The rate schedule was approved.

MOTION 2021-27

That the Wage Schedule with a one percent cost of living increase be approved as presented.

Moved: Eva Hope
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

The SAO presented a draft Operational Budget for the fiscal year 2021/2022. This budget assumes no increase in the amount of funding transfers from the GNWT. Utility costs are budgeted assuming full operations. The budget is balanced. The economic rate for water/sewage services was lowered to \$.02 per liter in September 2021 and will

remain the same. The waste disposal economic rate also remains constant. Council approved the budget as presented.

MOTION 2021-28

That the Operational Budget for the fiscal year 2021/22 be approved as presented.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Eva Hope
Carried.

DONATION REQUEST

A request for a donation to the 2021 Fort Liard Fishing Derby was received by council. After discussion council agreed to donate four child's coats and cash in the amount of five hundred dollars [\$500.00]

MOTION 2021-29

That a Donation of four child's jackets and five hundred dollars [\$500.00] be made to the 2021 Fishing Derby.

Moved: Colin Woehl
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PROGRAM INITIATIVE

Council reviewed document – "GN"WT looks to pilot Safety Officer Program" - -program to follow example of Kwanlin Dun First Nation.

- bridge the community safety needs and role of RCMP
- looking for pilot project – people do not have trust in RCMP – this program to help build trust – no enforcement role including bylaws – promote safety and deal with nonviolent and noncriminal activities – CSO a problem solver and ambassador in community – make community safer place to live – not a substitute for police – must be visible (truck and patrols) promote healthy choices – could act as a land registry – Fire Chief could be combined – can be tailored to community – identify problem areas in community – staffing important and incumbent should not be power hungry.

BYLAWS

BYLAW 294

A Bylaw to dispose of the 1995 Fire Pumper was presented in writing and given third and final reading.

MOTION 2021-30

That Bylaw 294 "Asset Disposal" receive third and final reading.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Cathy Kotchea
Carried.

BYLAW 295

A Temporary Borrowing Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/22 was presented in writing and given third and final reading.

MOTION 2021-31

That Bylaw 295 "Temporary Borrowing" receive third and final reading.

Moved: Kathie Hardisty
Seconded: Colin Woehl
Carried.

TABLED DOCUMENTS

Public Land Act Regulations
Fire Chief Report – February 2021
Addictions Recovery Survey
Northwestel Engagement Report – Broadband Fund Projects
Plant News
NWT Liquor Legislation Review – separate package

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed correspondence
Deh Cho Business Development Center – Assistance
NWT – Premier – Virtual Meeting Dates for Liquor Review
NWT Child and Family Service Review
NWT Housing Review
Noman Sassie – Request by Gene Hope for Timber Permit

NEXT MEETING

March 22, 2021 – Flood Preparation Workshop with Regional Superintendent Mike Drake
April 15, 2021 – Regular Council Meeting

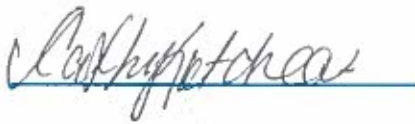
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 2021-32

That the meeting of March 18, 2021 be adjourned.

Moved: Cathy Kotchea
Seconded: Kathie Hardisty
Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.



Mayor



John W. McKee
Senior Administrative Officer